

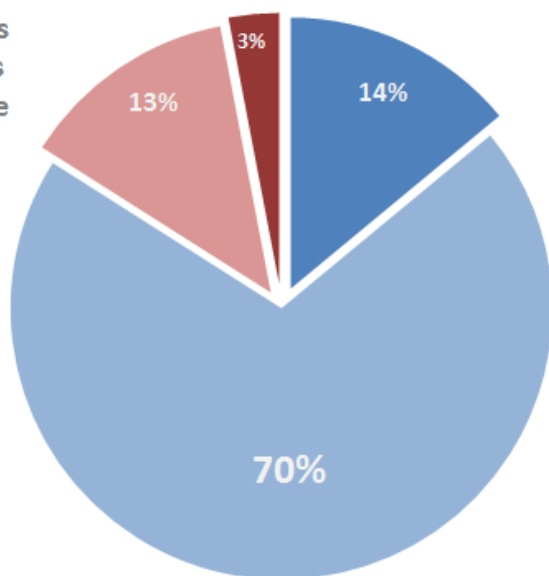
Health IT Quick-Stat #19

Americans' Trust in Provider Health Information Safeguards Links to Support for Electronic Health Records

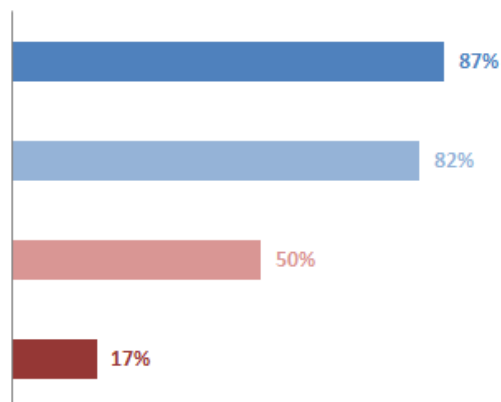
2012

Percent of Americans who Agree Providers Establish Reasonable Protections for EHRs

■ Strongly Agree
■ Agree
■ Disagree
■ Strongly Disagree



*Support for Electronic Health Records falls to **17%** as trust that providers have reasonable protections in place drops.*



Support for EHRs (by Level of Trust in Provider Protections)

Data:

Survey Question	Overall Agreement*	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Health care providers have measures in place that provide a reasonable level of protection for electronic health records today.	84%	14%	70%	13%	3%
Consumer Attitude/Behavior by Degree of Agreement that Providers Reasonably Protect EHRs					
I want my health care providers to use an electronic medical record to store and manage my health information despite any concerns I might have about privacy and security.	75%	87%	82%	50%	17%

<http://dashboard.healthit.gov/quickstats/pages/FIG-Providers-Reasonable-Protections-for-EHRs.html>

Survey Question	Overall Agreement*	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I want my health care providers to use a computer to share my medical record with other providers treating me despite any concerns I might have about privacy and security.	74%	84%	79%	58%	29%
Have you ever kept information from your health care provider because you were concerned about the privacy or security of your medical record?	7%	4%	7%	8%	33%

Summary:

As the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) and health information exchange (HIE) expands, and patient health information is increasingly stored and shared by providers electronically, it is important to monitor patient trust in providers' ability to keep that information private and secure. A data-brief was prepared to report on individuals' perceptions about the measures put in place by providers to protect EHRs, and its association with support for EHRs, HIE and patient-provider communication. Overall, 84% of individuals either strongly agree or agree that health care providers have measures in place that provide reasonable protections for EHRs.

The data-brief can be found here:

http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/022414_hit_attitudesaboutprivacydatabrief.pdf

Source:

2012 Consumer Survey of Attitudes Toward the Privacy and Security Aspects of Electronic Health Records and Health Information Exchange

Notes:

[1] *Overall Agreement is the weighted average degree of agreement for each survey question.

[2] Figure above excludes 6.7% of individuals who refused or responded "Don't know".

[3] Results provide data for ONC Budget Performance Measure 1.F.1: "Percent of Americans Who Agree that the Privacy and Security Measures Taken by their Providers Establish Reasonable Protections for Electronic Health Records".

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